

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 - Cancelled

24. (Currently amended) A top rail (1) for an insulated double-skinned freight container having foam insulation (15) between the skins (11, 16, 17, 18), the rail forming a junction between an outer skin (11) of a side wall and an outer skin (18) of a roof panel of the container, the rail comprising a first web portion (2) for attachment to the outer skin of the side wall, an inwardly inclined second web portion (3) at a first obtuse angle (2) to the first portion and a third web portion (4) extending substantially perpendicular to the first web portion (2) for attachment to the outer skin (18) of the roof panel, the rail being adapted to be welded to at least one of the outer skin of the side panel and the outer skin of the roof panel, said third web portion (4) being inwardly inclined at a second obtuse angle (β) to the second web portion (3) and being provided with an inwardly extending return portion (5) at an edge of the third web portion (4) remote from the second web portion (3) for strengthening the top rail and embedded in and surrounded by the foam insulation between the inner and outer skins.

25. (Currently amended) A top rail (1) as claimed in claim 24, wherein said first web portion (2) has an inwardly extending further web portion (6) perpendicular to said first web portion, said further web portion being

embedded in and surrounded by the foam insulation between the inner and outer skins.

26. (Previously presented) A top rail (1) as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first obtuse angle is between 140 degrees and 160 degrees.

27. (Previously presented) A top rail (1) according to claim 24, wherein an outer surface of said third web portion (4) is provided with a longitudinal bead (19) against which the outer skin (18) of said roof panel is arranged to abut to provide a welding edge.

28. (Previously presented) An insulated freight container as claimed in claim 27, wherein the rail (1) or the outer skin (11) of the side wall or the outer skin (18) of the roof or combinations thereof are made of aluminum.

29. (Previously presented) An insulated freight container as claimed in claim 27, wherein said outer skin of the roof panel extends on said third web portion.

30. (Previously presented) An insulated freight container as claimed in claim 29, wherein said outer skin extends in a notch on an upper surface of said third web portion.

31. (Previously presented) An insulated freight container as claimed in claim 27, wherein said third web portion extends in said foam insulation (15).

32. (Previously Presented) A top rail (1) according to claim 25, wherein said further web portion (6) is located on said first web portion (2) in proximity to said second web portion (3).

33. (Previously Presented) A top rail (1) according to claim 32, wherein said second web portion (3) is in contact with said foam insulation.

Add the following new claims:

34. (New) A top rail (1) according to claim 24, wherein said outer skin of the roof panel (18) extends on and over said third web portion (4) said third web portion having a notch with a step against which said outer skin of said roof portion faces when placed in said notch on said third web portion.

35. (New) A top rail (1) according to claim 25, wherein said return portion (5) and said further web portion (6) extend perpendicular to one another.

36. (New) A top rail (1) according to claim 24, wherein said inwardly extending return portion is bent substantially at right angles at the end of the third web portion.

37. (New) A top rail (1) according to claim 25, wherein said further web portion projects integrally from said first web portion.